

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION  
No. 7:15-CV-00020 FL

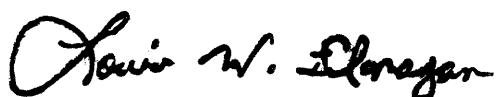
JACQUELINE HARRINGTON, )  
Plaintiff, )  
NANCY A. BERRYHILL, ) ORDER  
Acting Commissioner of Social Security, )  
Defendant. )

Plaintiff's counsel filed a motion for approval of attorney's fees under section 206(b) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 406(b), in the amount of \$ 13,864.00. Attorney's fees under section 206(b) are paid from past-due benefits awarded to a successful claimant. 42 U.S.C. § 406(b). Plaintiff has previously been awarded attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412, in the amount of \$ 4,254.00.

Defendant filed a response, stating that under *Gisbrecht v. Barnhart*, 535 U.S. 789 (2002), it is the duty of the Court to determine a reasonable fee.

It is ORDERED that Plaintiff's counsel be awarded fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) in the amount of \$ 13,864.00, and refund to Plaintiff the smaller award between this amount and the EAJA award.

This 17th day of October, 2017.



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LOUISE W. FLANAGAN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE